



SWAMP-LOOSESTRIFE
Decodon verticillatus

Located in swamps and shallow pools throughout the Division. Also known as Water-Willow, Wild-Oleander, Peat- or Slink-Weed and others.

Perennial herbs (or slightly woody) with 4 to 6 sided, smooth or downy stems, 0.6 to 2.5 m long. Branches curving down and tips rooting when in contact with water or mud, thereby spreading rapidly. Leaves lanceshaped, opposite or whorled, underside downy on very short stalks; 5 to 13 cm long, 1 to 3 cm wide. Clusters of 5-petaled, pink to purple, short-stalked flowers in the axils of upper leaves; blooming from July through August.

Plants are sometimes important food source for muskrats; seeds eaten by ducks.

